



Image Af/1623

Patent Appln. No. 09/892,081
Atty. Docket No. PC10877A

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to: Hon. Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on this 12th day of February 2004.

By

Kelley D. Surprenant
(Signature of person mailing)
Kelley D. Surprenant

(Typed or printed name of person)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: :
Kaneko et al.

APPLICATION NO.: 09/892,081 :

Examiner: E. Peselev

FILING DATE: 26 June 2001 :

Group Art Unit: 1623

TITLE: Novel Macrolide Antibiotics :

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed 9 December 2003, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections made therein are respectfully requested, in view of the following amendments and remarks. Inasmuch as this Amendment is being submitted within the three-month shortened statutory period set in the Office Action to expire on 9 March 2004, Applicants respectfully submit that no extension of time should be necessary. If the Commissioner determines that an extension of time and/or a fee is necessary, the same is hereby requested and the Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary fees to maintain the pendency of this application to deposit account No. 16-1445.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Applicants' remarks begin on page 6.